

Hopkins Village Council
Hopkins Village Hall
128 Franklin St. Hopkins, MI 49328
Regular Meeting Agenda: 6/08/2026 @ 7:30 PM

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
3. **Roll Call**
 - a. Present: Hyatt, Buist, Pawloski, Westhouse, Price, Kennedy, Ebenstein, Williams, Porter
 - b. Absent:
 - c. Guests: Brian Talsma, Stafford, Bob Larr
4. **Agenda Presentation** - Pawloski motioned to approve agenda as amended, Porter supported.
5. **Review of Minutes**
 - a. 5/11/2026 Regular Meeting - Buist motioned to approve the minutes as presented, Pawloski supported.
 - b. 5/21/2026 Special Meeting - Baker & Cherry Drain Repair - Buist motioned to approve the special meeting minutes as presented, Pawloski supported.
6. **Financial Report** - Buist motioned to approve the financial report as presented, Porter supported.
7. **Bills** - Williams motioned to approve the bills as presented, Hyatt supported.
8. **Bob Laar - Noxious weed complaint** - Lot across the street from Bob is not being maintained per the ordinance. Would like to formally file a complaint. Bob has lived here for 50 years, and states that it used to be a well maintained lawn. In previous years, they would mow it 4-5 times per year. Bob would like to have the Village and/or PCI reach out to have them clean it up AND maintain the property on a regular basis. Bob would like us to follow up with him on steps and processes going forward. Williams recommends sending a formal, detailed letter before we involve PCI. - Buist motioned to approve sending a formal, detailed letter before involving PCI, Pawloski supported.
9. **Commissioner's Report** - Not present
10. **Agency Reports**
 - a. Fireboard (Reps: *Ben Williams, Nick Pawloski*) - Minutes show a few policies being passed. - May 19, 2026 - Pawloski and Williams met about policies. 255 calls in May. Captain Castello is doing training. June will be a quarterly meeting.
 - b. Library Board (Reps: *Dave Hyatt*) - May 12, 2026 - 52 sign ups for the June 8 reading activity.
 - c. DDA (Reps: *Dawn Buist, Tabitha Kennedy*) - May 21, 2026 - Continued to get ready for the farmers market, finalized park excavating, Sebright providing storage for Christmas decorations. Hired someone to fix flags. Paid for ditch cleaning \$225 per time. Looking at signage for Farmer's Market. Participated at the Sebright Golf Outing. Received donation for the park upgrades \$7,000 from Sebright, \$5,000 from Alro Steel.
 - d. Hopkins Hometown Celebrations (*Brandon*) - May 21, 2026 & Jun 3, 2026 - Sent multiple people to training for fireworks show on Jul 4, 2026, social district request form, updated parade & schedule for July 4 celebration.

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- e. Personnel Committee (Dawn, Eric, Nick) - Crossing Guard Discussion - Hiring of Keith Herring as Custodian, Stacey Timmer as substitute custodian. Personnel recommends hiring him. Williams motioned to approve hiring Keith Herring as custodian, Hyatt supported. Crossing Guard substitutes - Buist has received 3 sign ups so far.

11. Public Comment

- a. Talsma - Executive Director Allegan County Conservation District - 1st year having invasive species services. Ready & willing to help in any way possible. Business cards and brochures available.
- b. VanderWall - Hopkins Community Church is taking donations for the July 4 breakfast.

12. Old Business

- a. Blight Update
 - i. 311 Selby - Someone has been there every day, cleaning and mowing. Campers and equipment are still present. Price will reach out to PCI to determine whether 311 Selby is within village ordinance. If PCI says they are within village ordinance, we will cancel Reliable request.
- b. Ordinance Book Revision - Will meet Jun 17, 2026 to discuss ordinance book revisions.
- c. Accounting Software Cutover and Upgrade - Nothing new.

13. Maintenance Report - See attached. Pawloski motioned that the offroad and classic car show be held at the North park for the month of June, Porter supported. Roll Call: Porter, yes. Williams, no. Ebenstein, yes. Pawloski, yes. Buist, no. Hyatt, no. Tie break vote, no. Motion fails. Buist motioned that Rigs & Coffee cannot park on the grass if there's precipitation 24 hours prior to the event, Pawloski supported. Roll Call: Porter, no. Williams, yes. Ebenstein, yes. Pawloski, yes. Buist, yes. Hyatt, yes. Williams motioned to approve food vendors to set up on July 2, 2026, Ebenstein supported.

- a. May 27, 2026 Streets discussion - see attached.

14. Public Comment - None

15. New Business

- a. **Crossing Guard Discussion** - taken care of during personnel committee discussion.
- b. **L-4029** - Williams motioned to levie 9.0 for 2026 and allow President Price and Clerk Westhouse to sign it, Pawloski supported. Roll call: Porter, yes. Williams, yes. Ebenstein, yes. Pawloski, yes. Buist, yes. Hyatt, yes.
- c. **Anonymous Complaint** - See attached. Buist motioned to acknowledge we received the complaints and will discuss the complaints further at the July meeting, Pawloski supported.
- d. **July 4 Celebration Social District** - Williams motioned to approve financial report as presented, Buist supported.

16. Public Comment - None.

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17. Around the Table

- a. Porter - None.
- b. Williams - Streets & Sidewalk meeting - looked at several trees, wants to meet with Shaffer to talk about taking trees down. Received complaint from Weick about low areas from tree removals, but Stafford fixed it prior to the meeting. Created a Village of Hopkins Village Right of Way complaint form. Created a Committee Form.
- c. Ebenstein - None
- d. Kennedy - Please put the complaint form on the website. Payment for special meetings: when to get paid and what is required.
- e. Price - None.
- f. Westhouse - None.
- g. Pawloski - None.
- h. Buist - Crossing Guard - the school is being really great and helpful. Possibly honor students will be willing to help.
- i. Hyatt - None.

18. Adjournment - Pawloski motioned to adjourn, Williams supported. 9:15pm.